

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-23 are all the claims pending in the application, as claims 2, 6, and 10-18 have been canceled by this Amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 7 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 9 to incorporate the features of claim 6 and intervening claim 2. Thus, Applicant submits that these claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Furthermore, claims 3-5 and 7-8 are submitted to be allowable, at least, because of their dependency from claim 1.

Additionally, new claims 19-23 have been added. Claim 19 incorporates the features of pre-amended independent claim 1 and features of allowable claim 7 and, thus, Applicant submits that this claim is in condition for immediate allowance. Furthermore, dependent claims 20-23 should be allowable, at least, because of their dependency.

**Conclusion**

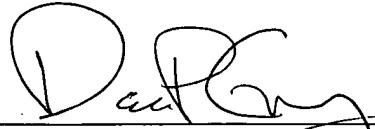
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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